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**Burmaster announces High School Task Force members**

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster released a list of the members of the State Superintendent's High School Task Force.

The group, co-chaired by JoAnne Brandes, executive vice president, chief administrative officer, and general counsel for Johnson Diversey Inc., and Ryan Champeau, principal of Waukesha North High School, will hold its next meeting May 3 at the Sheraton Madison Hotel. It will look at various local initiatives aimed at redesigning or transforming the high school experience, enhancing student learning and engagement, and strengthening the alignment of high school with postsecondary education and workforce needs.

"Wisconsin high schools have traditionally done a good job preparing young people for whatever future they choose, but we must never rely solely on our past accomplishments to meet the ever-changing needs of students," Burmaster said. "The experiences they have in high school will shape their character, decisions, and quality of life as adults. That is why we must have on-going, sustained efforts in our schools to prepare young people as citizens who are ready to work in our global economy."

Burmaster noted that the task force will consider some of the most significant educational policy issues in high schools as they work to improve the education of all students. Specifically, the State Superintendent's High School Task Force will

- identify strategies to raise achievement, close the gap, and promote postsecondary success and citizenship for all students;
- embrace the strengths of high schools and identify where change is needed;
- examine new models of student learning and engagement;
- rethink the roles and relationships that frame high schools; and
- advance best practices that promote equity, quality, and accountability in the high school experience.

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**NOTE:** A list of the members of the State Superintendent's High School Task Force follows.

# State Superintendent's High School Task Force

*Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent of Public Instruction*

## Co-Chairs

JoAnne Brandes, Executive Vice President  
Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel  
Johnson Diversey, Inc., Sturtevant

Ryan Champeau, Principal  
North High School, Waukesha

## Task Force Members

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